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Abstract of the Disclosure

The preferred embodiments described herein provide a method and system for collection and storage of traffic data. In one preferred embodiment, traffic data is collected from a plurality of network elements in a first point of presence in a computer network. Traffic data is collected from each network element using a protocol appropriate for the network element. The collected traffic data is analyzed, and a result of the analysis is transmitted to a storage device remote from the first point of presence. Other preferred embodiments are provided herein, and any or all of the preferred embodiments described herein can be used alone or in combination with one another.